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1. References: A. Bonn's 288 to Berlin, 19 Nov, 1071
to State Dept NOTAL.

- 314 to Bonn, 46 to Paris, 107 to USAREUR. B. Berlin's 362 to Sec State, 20 Nov,

2. I wish to state without equivocation that it is my firm opinion that our current plan with respect to acceptance of GDR officials as agents of the Soviets will be the first step in the wrong direction and place US in a completely untenable position.

3. When the Soviets carry out Khrushchev's announced intentions and turn over their remaining occupation authority, the myth of GDR officials acting as their agents will be too obvious to find support in any quarter. Reference 1B above, with which I concur completely, fully supports this position, and gives the reasons therefor.

4. We cannot show weakness in this issue. Berlin is in the eyes of the entire world. If we are not ready for the eventual show down, at least a self imposed blockade will be a far stronger action than de facto recognition of the GDR through the "agent" fallacy.

5. I cannot recommend too strongly that we accept a self imposed blockade rather than the "agent" plan.

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NOTE: 288 is DA IN 170936 (20 NOV 58) STATE, (ARMY DCSOP)
362 Requested from STATE

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